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At a ceremony and press briefing May 19 in Valencia, Caltrans officials announced seven roadway improvement projects on the northbound and southbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) spanning 19 miles from Calgrove Boulevard to Templin Highway in and near Santa Clarita. The area is a heavily-traveled corridor used by over 50 million vehicles annually; and over 500,000 trucks per month.

Doug Failing, Acting Chief Deputy, served as Master of Ceremonies at the new Caltrans North Region Maintenance Facility. The four-year projects will involve Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the City of Santa Clarita, Newhall Land and the County of Los Angeles. Failing said, "In order to promote continued economic vitality and enhance the quality of life by providing for mobility of people, goods, services and information, we are working in partnership to provide the people of California with a safe, efficient and comprehensive transportation system. And key to having the most efficient freeway system in the world is teamwork."

Also on hand at the ceremony were: David Foy representing Congressman

Howard McKeon; Bob Kellar and Cameron Smythe, City of Santa Clarita Councilmembers; Linda Johnson, representing Assemblyman George Runner; Laurene Weste, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Clarita; Gary Cusumano, President,

northbound and southbound I-5 spanning 19 miles in each direction from Calgrove Boulevard to Templin Highway (seven miles north of Castaic), currently in progress and estimated to complete in December, 2000. In between those two points, the following projects are planned:

1. Modify interchange at Valencia Boulevard and I-5 – a Caltrans/Los Angeles County/Newhall Land Improvement Project. Estimated work schedule is from July, 2000 to July, 2001.
2. Widen roadway from two to six lanes on eastbound and westbound Route 126 (Magic Mountain Parkway) from I-5 to McBean Parkway — a Los Angeles County/Metropolitan Transportation Authority Improvement Project. Caltrans provides oversight. Estimated work schedule is from October, 2000 to July, 2001.
3. Replace Santa Clara River Bridge on Interstate 5 – a Caltrans improvement project. Estimated work schedule is from April, 2001 to March, 2003.

4. Replace bridge on I-5 at the Route 126 (Magic Mountain Parkway) Interchange, and on Route 126 – a Caltrans/City of Santa Clarita/Newhall



Cutting the official "Improving Your Drive on Interstate 5" banner. Left to right: Linda Johnson, representing Assemblyman George Runner; David Foy representing Senator Howard McKeon; Cameron Smythe, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita; Mayor Pro Tem Laurene Weste, City of Santa Clarita; Gary Cusumano, President, Newhall Land; Connie Wordon-Roberts, President, City of Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce; Bob Kellar, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita; and Doug Failing, Caltrans Acting Chief Deputy.

Newhall Land; Richard Yribe, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Connie Wordon-Roberts, President, City of Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce; members of the community; business leaders; and members of the media.

First on the list of seven improvements is a pavement rehabilitation project along

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THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

It was my pleasure to join Dennis Dickerson from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, as well as Assistant Chief Ray Blackwell, California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Captain Adam Cuevas, CHP at a recent ceremony to publicly announce a new program with the focus on litter awareness to keep California and its freeways beautiful. The new program's slogan is: "Please Don't Tarnish the Golden State."

Mr. Dickerson approached me several months ago to suggest a pilot project in an attempt to discourage the public from littering. What grew from his idea is a three-phase Litter Generation Study (please see following article) using oversized litter signs, enhanced enforcement from the CHP and litter information pamphlets to increase public awareness and education.

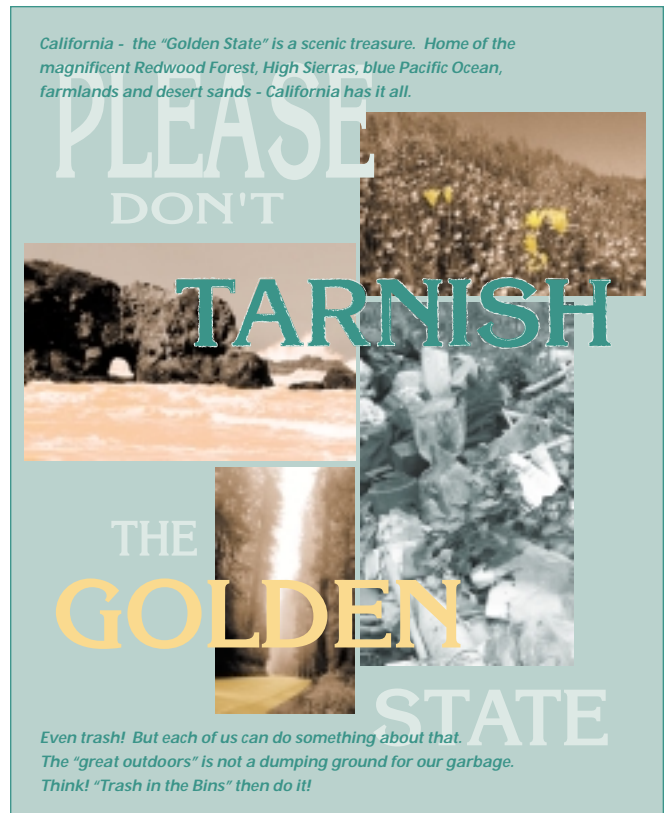
Litter has become more and more of a problem on our freeways. And the big media litter campaigns in years past don't appear as often. Maybe motorists who litter don't realize the impact even a cigarette butt or strewn piece of paper has on our environment. It not only makes our freeways look bad, a highway worker must stand adjacent to fast-moving traffic to remove the litter. If the litter is missed, it invades and clogs storm drains and rivers and eventually ends up in our ocean contaminating beaches and sea life.

There are 27 freeways located within District 7, covering Los Angeles and Ventura Counties – 615 freeway miles and 567 conventional highway miles totaling 1,182 total miles. The total average vehicle miles traveled per day in District 7 is 99 million miles! Imagine if you will, the efforts involved in trash removal day in and day out, 365 days per year. Of the twelve Caltrans Districts, District 7 alone removes some 33,600 cubic yards annually, enough to fill a football field 18 feet deep. And the annual cost is a staggering \$4.6 million. In addition, Caltrans currently spends \$5 million a year cleaning storm drains in District 7. Who finances litter removal and cleaning storm drains? You do! The taxpayer.

I would like to personally thank Mr. Dennis Dickerson for bringing this important pilot project to Caltrans. In addition, my sincere appreciation to Assistant Chief Ray Blackwell and Captain Adam Cuevas, CHP for their continued partnership and involvement in this important program. And special thanks to Peter Vanriper, Caltrans Project Manager, and his team members for their ongoing efforts.

It is everyone's responsibility NOT to litter – on the freeways or here in the District Office Building. This may be an old building, but together we can make it look great. Whenever possible, wherever you see litter, bend down and pick it up. You will beautify your surroundings and get in bit of exercise as well. Please don't wait for someone else to keep our office, our freeways and the State of California beautiful. Be a part of the solution: "Please Don't Tarnish the Golden State." •

ROBERT W. SASSAMAN
District Director



"Please Don't Tarnish The Golden State"

New Anti-Litter Campaign Under Way

"Please Don't Tarnish the Golden State" is the message behind a brand new three-phase anti-litter campaign borne of an idea suggested to Robert W. Sassaman, District Director, by Dennis Dickerson, Executive Officer, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Because of Dickerson's efforts, Caltrans, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and have joined forces in an all-out anti-litter public outreach campaign to remind motorists to join the fight to keep litter away from our roadways and drainage systems.

A media event to formally announce a three-phase Litter Generation Study was held Friday, May 26 at Cal State University, Los Angeles. Along with Sassaman and Dickerson, attending the event were: Assistant Chief Ray Blackwell and Captain Adam Cuevas, CHP; and others.

As part of the three-phase campaign, the study will be conducted along the westbound San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) off-ramp from Eastern Avenue to Campus Drive near Downtown Los Angeles. During the three phases of the study, new anti-litter signs will be placed and CHP personnel will team with Caltrans and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board by distributing literature to motorists at designated anti-litter study locations. Increased enforcement by the CHP includes warning notices issued to those observed littering.

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Potential offenders will also be informed about a possible littering fine. During the second and third phases, the signs will get much larger and oversized "Do Not Litter" signs will be posted in the area.

Caltrans spends nearly \$10 million annually to remove litter and clear storm drains on District 7 freeways and highways in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Sassaman said, "The millions of dollars spent on litter could be used on soundwalls and projects that relieve congestion. Instead, we have to pick up the trash left by careless travelers." Littering not only scars our environment but it can cost drivers and their passengers who litter a \$1,000 fine.

During the study, Caltrans maintenance forces will be picking up the litter in the designated study area and checking it by volume to determine if the pilot project is having an impact on the amounts of litter, and to ascertain which methods work best. Results may be utilized in other areas and districts. It is hoped this project will have a lasting impact on the amount of litter discarded by motorists.

Dickerson commented, "Motorists who litter forget the impact it has on the environment. They forget the connection between the litter they throw onto freeways and highways and the litter that ends up in our ocean." And Assistant Chief Blackwell emphasized that the CHP is prepared to support this anti-litter campaign with increased enforcement.

Sassaman wishes to thank the following project personnel for their dedicated involvement in the anti-litter campaign: Dennis Dickerson and Xavier Swamikannu from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; Pete Van Riper, Caltrans Project Manager; Ron Russak and Anthony Taglieri, Stormwater Coordination; Francisco Sandoval, CHP; Richard Gordon and Walter Salas, Caltrans Maintenance; Duncan McIntosh, Chief, Caltrans Graphic Services; Margie Tiritilli, Chief, Caltrans Media Relations/Public Affairs; Lewis Yee, Caltrans Traffic Operations; and Ron Thrash, Caltrans Special Crews. •



New anti-litter program sign and supporters. Left to right: Captain Adam Cuevas, CHP; Robert W. Sassaman; Sergeant Raymond Castro, Cal State Los Angeles Police; Assistant Chief Ray Blackwell, CHP; Dennis Dickerson; and Chief Greg King, Cal State Los Angeles Police.



The new Caltrans' information kiosk. Left to right: Connie Wordon-Roberts, President, Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce; Jeanne Bonfilio and Erika Gallo from Media Relations/Public Affairs, replenish the supply of valuable I-5 Corridor fact sheets and project maps for the Caltrans kiosk at the beautiful Valencia Town Center. Kiosk artwork by Rene Trujillo, Graphic Arts Department.

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Land improvement project. Estimated work schedule is from April, 2001 to March, 2003.

5. Improve interchange at I-5/Route 126 (Magic Mountain Parkway) includes widening Route 126 from four lanes to six lanes and construction of a new interchange on Route 126 at Commerce Center Drive – a Caltrans/Los Angeles County/Newhall Land/Metropolitan Transportation Authority improvement project. Caltrans provides oversight. Estimated work schedule is from May, 2002 to September 2003.

6. Replace bridge and improve interchange on I-5 at Hasley Canyon overcrossing – a Metropolitan Transportation Authority/Los Angeles County/Newhall Land improvement project. Caltrans provides oversight. Estimated work schedule is from July, 2002 to February, 2004.

Press releases are now and will continue to be issued regularly with information on upcoming lane closures and other project information to assist motorists.

Failing added, "In order to minimize inconvenience to commuters, whenever possible lane closures will be at nighttime and during off-peak hours." In addition, signs will be posted to assist motorists during the life of the projects. And electronic freeway

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Equal Opportunity Corner

"Bring A Child To Work Day" 2000

By Cathi McMahan, Equal Opportunity Officer

Thursday, April 27, Caltrans District 7 celebrated "Bring a Child to Work Day." The event coincided with the national "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" sponsored by the Ms. Foundation. This year over 180 children participated along with their parents. The "Caltrans Kids" enjoyed several activities including visits by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Metrolink. The kids also got to participate in a video teleconference and talk to other children celebrating the day in other District offices, as well as visit the Transportation Management Center and view various types of equipment used by Maintenance employees.

The kids were treated to muffins and juice in the morning as they waited for the program to begin. All of the kids received a goody bag that contained Caltrans memorabilia. Some of the families also enjoyed a bag lunch at the day's end and enjoyed a special visit from surprise guest Ronald McDonald. Ronald visited Caltrans in his special Ronald McDonald van and performed a magic show that was enjoyed by all.

Many hours of hard work went into the preparation of the event. Committee members included Irene Coyazo, Suzie Torres, Diana Griffel and Cathi McMahan. Without the support from the following people the day could not have been the success that it was. The committee would like to thank the following for their help and support: Los Angeles Fire Department; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Metrolink; Caltrans Transportation Management Center; Cafeteria Manager Peter Milutinovich; Ronald McDonald; Graphic Services; Mike Miles, Division Chief, Maintenance;

Deborah Robertson; Division Chief, External Affairs; Division of Maintenance personnel and Public Affairs.

Next year's event promises to be bigger and better. In order to ensure that all participants received goody bags and hard hats, registration in advance was required. Unfortunately, some kids did not receive bags, as they had not been pre-registered. The amount of giveaways ordered was based on the number of registered participants. It is recommended that next year, parents pre-register their children early so that there are enough giveaways for everyone.

Thanks to all participants for a worthwhile and successful event! •

Workers Gearing Up To Ride 'Em Again At Equipment "Rodeo"

Come one, come all and support our co-workers as they "ride" the big pieces of Maintenance machinery and compete at this year's Caltrans Southern California Equipment "Rodeo" scheduled for July 15 at beautiful Big Bear Lake, California. Sponsored by the American Public Works Association, Sacramento Chapter and Hosted by District 8, this year's "rodeo" promises to have something for everyone.

The "rodeo" is a friendly competition between Maintenance Equipment Operators who show their expertise on various pieces of equipment. They will vie for prizes and recognition as the best Caltrans Maintenance has to offer. The top three overall winners from each district will go on to compete in the State Finals to be held in Oakhurst, California at District 6 on August 19.

In addition to the "rodeo" competition, are a backhoe novice event; junior "rodeo" events and a great barbecue; and the Big Bear Lake setting could not be a more beautiful place to hold this year's event.

Directions to the "rodeo" are: take Highway 330 to Highway 18 to the beautiful Snow Valley Ski Area. For more

information, please contact District 8 at (530) 741-4322.

Bring out the whole family and support Caltrans Maintenance Workers at this year's Equipment "Rodeo!" See you there! •

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changeable message signs will be utilized to help keep the traveling public informed.

Caltrans will be working closely with the California Highway Patrol and the Freeway Service Patrol (a tow-truck service managed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the California Highway Patrol and Caltrans) to assist with disabled vehicles and incident management.

"We want to assure the motoring public that everything possible will be done to keep traffic flowing throughout the I-5 corridor during construction," Failing said. The Valencia Town Center has offered a kiosk to Caltrans where pertinent construction information and detailed maps are available to the public near the Concierge desk inside the mall. "We would like to take this time to thank Mr. Charlie Gill and the Valencia Town Center for assisting us in distributing important project information to commuters," said Failing. "We would also like to thank the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the California Highway Patrol; the County of Los Angeles; the Federal Highway Administration; Newhall Land; the City of Santa Clarita; the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce; the Santa Clarita Valley Telecommuting Center and Hart Union High School for their involvement and assistance. Also to Newhall Land for providing refreshments and Chuck Webster and his North Region Maintenance crew."

Caltrans wishes to express their appreciation to the motoring public for their patience and cooperation during the roadway improvements, and reminds motorists to please drive with extra caution through the orange "cone zones." For additional information, please contact the Caltrans Public Affairs office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (213) 897-4867 or (213) 897-3630. •

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Living In A “Material” World



Material men Robert “Red” Seidenkrantz, left, and Bob Murray use portable gages for important materials acceptance testing on a Highway 118 project near Simi Valley.

Robert “Red” Seidenkrantz and Bob Murray were “living in a material world” long before a certain pop singer. But the material world they’ve lived in is a bit different and consists mainly of concrete, asphalt, dirt and freeways — a lot of freeways. The two, collectively, have a whopping 74 years of state service and a wealth of in-depth experience as Field Materials Acceptance Testers for the central District 7 Materials Lab in Los Angeles.

The two are among only seven Field Materials Acceptance Testers who cover all of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, working day and night. From Dana Point to Ventura to the Kern County line, Seidenkrantz and Murray travel from project to project setting up satellite trailer field labs. They test, inspect and “accept” asphalt/concrete, backfill, embankments, soil compaction, base material, pipes, bridges, columns and abutments, retrofit projects, pavement rehab, slab replacements, and all materials that go into the pavement structural section of any roadway. Murray said, “Everything that goes

into freeway building has to be tested. What we are doing is taking tests on those materials as they are being used per the Inspector’s request, making certain that the materials being used are in compliance with the contract specifications.” These are vitally important quality control positions. Their projects range from alleys to eight-lane freeways to four-level interchanges including High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, State highways overlay projects and long-life pavement. And traveling in excess of 1,000 miles per week is not unusual for this pair of materials experts.

Murray has been testing materials for 37 of his 40 years of state service and currently works at the Whittier field lab, covering the southern region and Downtown Los Angeles. He spent 10 years on the multi-modal Century Freeway construction — a project with railroad tracks down the middle, interchanges as well as High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. He said, “The Century project had everything. Working on it was extremely interesting, challenging and rewarding.”

Seidenkrantz’s 36 years of state service

includes 14 in the field of materials testing in the Ventura County area at the Moorpark Field Lab. “A memorable project,” said Seidenkrantz, “was the eight-mile, three-year construction of the freeway on the Rincon portion of Highway 101 north of Ventura, extending a portion of the freeway 400 feet over the ocean to build around some oil facilities. At the time it was the biggest job going. It was a beautiful setting and an amazing project from start to finish.”

While some danger is involved in what they do especially working near fast moving traffic (and climbing and hiking is all in a day’s work), both say training is paramount. The two attended a specialized lab school and are re-certified yearly for their highly specialized, physically demanding positions. Both carry portable gages that are used in soil compaction testing weighing 35 pounds. And other ancillary equipment can weigh as much. “Sometimes we carry all 70 pounds, and sometimes we make two trips,” said Murray. But both agree that things “out there” are a lot safer now. “In the old days,” said Murray, “the only thing separating the worker from the traffic were cones. Now we have concrete K-rail on each side and things are much safer.”

Both workers have received Superior Accomplishment Awards for their excellence in materials testing. Seidenkrantz, who retired in May, now plans on spending more time with his grandchildren, fishing, gardening and remodeling his home. It looks like he might not be “retiring” after all! And Murray, scheduled to retire at the end of this month, wants to spend time working as a disc jockey and traveling.

Victor Zengler, Supervisor of the Field Materials Testing Unit, said, “With new test methods, and technologies like long-life pavement, as well as increasing quality assurance, the responsibilities in field testing have increased, but unfortunately the staff has not. Red and Bob have a great work ethic, including a great attitude and honesty. They are taking a wealth of knowledge and experience with them and are going to be missed and I wish them the best. They are both irreplaceable.”

Caltrans sends its best wishes to Red and Bob for a happy, healthy retirement and thanks them for their many dedicated years of service. •



Remembering highway workers killed in the line of duty. Left to right: William Stewart, Robert W. Sassaman, Junious Pearson, Dick Stewart and Peter Chan.

Workers' Memorial Day Observed

Beautiful flowers adorned a special table next to the Workers' Memorial Plaque in the lobby of the District Office Building on April 28 commemorating this year's nationally recognized Workers' Memorial Day. Robert W. Sassaman, District Director, along with Junious Pierson, Chief, Office of Safety; Peter Chan, Division Chief, Construction; William Stewart, Chief, Office of Surveys North; and Dick Stewart, Chief, Office of Surveys South were on hand to lend their support to the occasion where highway workers killed in the line of duty are remembered each year.

At the Century Maintenance Station in Los Angeles, 155 orange cones were on display, each representing a Caltrans worker killed while on the job since 1924. In addition, a crash cushion damaged by a careless driver was displayed. The destroyed device helped save the lives of many highway workers.

Sassaman said, "Almost every maintenance and construction field worker has frightening stories to tell about their experiences working near traffic." He also reminded motorists to drive safely throughout maintenance and construction areas during the month and throughout the year. He added, "Please drive with extra care through the orange 'cone zones.' Cones and signs protect highway workers' lives."

Special thoughts go out to each and every family member of the Caltrans highway workers killed while in the line of duty. They will not be forgotten. •



Members of the media at the Century Maintenance station where accident survivors remember 155 Caltrans workers killed on the job since 1924. Left to right: Curtis Domina, Supervisor, Hollywood Night Crew; Eva Ross, Equipment Operator, Long Beach Night Crew; Keith Cummings, Leadworker, Hollywood Night Crew; Emma Griffith, Landscape Maintenance Worker, Alameda Landscape Crew; Alex Guzman, Landscape Maintenance Worker, Alameda Landscape Crew; and Eric Sackrison, Supervisor, Alameda Special Crews.



A man who loved his music, his work and helping people -- Joe Foster will be truly missed.

Caltrans Mourns Joe Foster

Caltrans mourns the passing of 42-year veteran, Joe Foster, who passed away May 13 after a lengthy illness. Joe will be remembered for his great love of music, friendly disposition and sincere willingness to always help others. Joe was the recipient of several awards, one from the California Association of Minority American Contractors for his unselfish efforts in the support of minorities and women contractors in major highway construction projects.

A memorial service was held May 22 at the Ronald Reagan State Office Building where co-workers, friends and family came to pay their final respects. Joe's family wishes to express with gratitude each and every act of kindness and every expression of sympathy shown during their time of bereavement.

Robert W. Sassaman, District Director, said, "Joe helped a lot of people. And he was always trying to learn more."

Several friends and coworkers took a moment to remember Joe. James DeCastro said, "Joe was like a big brother. He was always friendly to everyone." Paul Perez added, "Joe always asked about everyone. He always wanted to help people." And according to Don Henderson,

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A Word From the Editor

Caltrans Loses A Good Friend: Radio Broadcaster And Traffic Reporter Mark Denis Dies

Mark Denis, the KFI/640 AM radio broadcaster, traffic reporter, and pioneer of AM music radio in Southern California died April 29 at the age of 59 of an apparent bacterial infection. As a member of the Transportation Information People (TIP) Meeting, I was extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to know Mark, a people person in the true sense of the word. He was always there to assist Caltrans in getting the word out to motorists on major construction projects, lane closures and incidents. Robert W. Sassaman, District Director, said, "Mark was a good friend to Caltrans District 7, always ready to assist in his positive traffic reporting."

In the near future, Mark planned to narrate a new Caltrans Transportation Management Center (TMC) video to be produced by Steve Devorkin, Television Specialist in the Caltrans Video Unit. Devorkin said, "It would have been a fitting tribute for him to have been part of our TMC freeway/traffic video because Mark was such an integral player in traffic management. I thought how nice of him offer his services; not for pay but just because he wanted to help. That's what Mark was all about – helping people."

At his funeral, Gary Lycan, columnist for the Orange County Register said, "In my 30 years of covering Southern California radio, I've never witnessed such a huge outpouring of affection at one time for a single broadcaster. He epitomized class... We celebrated a man whom we were all lucky enough to spend some time with, whether on the air or in person." Lycan also said that Mark "...touched, no understatement here, thousands of lives."

At the first TIP Meeting following Mark's death, Chuck Street, traffic reporter and radio personality from KIIS-FM radio and others, put together a touching video on Mark's life. He was nice enough to share an extra copy of the video and it is available to anyone who



Always a welcome visitor at the Caltrans Transportation Management Center, Mark Denis, left, as he visited with Robert W. Sassaman, District Director.

would like to see it. Mark's real name was Denis Melbourne. An educational scholarship has been set up for his eleven-year-old daughter. Donations can be made to the Denis Melbourne Memorial Fund, Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union, P. O. Box 11547, Santa Ana, CA 92711-9951. •

JEANNE BONFILIO

Editor

Bits & Pieces.....

Caltrans is saddened at the recent passing of Jan-É Luckie, daughter of Jean Luckie from Traffic Operations, who lost her brave battle with leukemia. Jean wishes to express her appreciation to all who shared their support, kind thoughts and condolences. Caltrans was happy to feature Jan-É's heartwarming story in the Employee Spotlight column of the December issue of *Inside Seven*. According to her uncle, Jan-É did not dwell on her disease because she was too busy living life. Friend Teri Harrison said, "She never lost hope, was very brave to the end and died with dignity." Thank you to all who tried helping Jan-É by getting involved with a bone marrow drive. She will be remembered for her positive attitude and cheerful spirit. Donations to assist Jean Luckie can be made by calling Teri Harrison at extension 7-4296.

The Quarter Century Club has donated a generous \$400 to the California Transportation Foundation's Worker Memorial Fund in memory of Charles Deming. Mr. Deming was tragically killed in the line of duty last December. The Quarter Century Club members consider all employees to be in their extended family and mourn the loss of Mr. Deming. This is their way of conveying their support to the Deming family. Thank you, Quarter Century Club, for your tradition of caring.

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"Joe loved everyone. He was always there to lend a helping hand." Amy Fuava remembered Joe as "...the best boss I ever had. He was a man of many talents and a man who loved entertaining people." Bob Dennis said, "Joe loved this District and loved working at Caltrans. His work meant as much to him as anything else in his life. And he loved to help people."

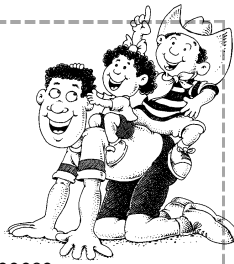
The thread that runs through each and every comment about Joe Foster was his unselfish nature and sincere willing to help his fellow man. A fund is being collected to create a sponsorship in Joe Foster's name to the Walt Disney Concert Hall, currently under construction, as well as a "Paver Stone" to be placed in the exterior courtyard of the Concert Hall. To participate, checks should be made payable to the Los Angeles Philharmonic and sent to Tahirih Smith c/o Caltrans Planning, 120 South Spring Street (1-12A), Los Angeles 90012. For more information, please contact Tahirih Smith at (213) 897-1347.

Joe Foster will be dearly missed by all who knew him, and Caltrans sends it heartfelt condolences to the Foster family. •

What's **Cookin' At Caltrans**

HAIL TO THE CHIEFS THIS FATHER'S DAY!

From *The Los Angeles Times*



PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S MACARONI AND CHEESE

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| 1/2 pound elbow macaroni | 3 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese |
| Water | 1 teaspoon dry mustard |
| 1 teaspoon butter | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 egg, beaten | 1 cup milk |

Boil macaroni in water to cover generously until tender. Drain thoroughly. Stir in butter and beaten egg. Add cheese, reserving enough to sprinkle on top. Put into buttered 13X9-inch casserole. Mix dry mustard and salt with 1 tablespoon hot water and add to milk. Pour over macaroni. Sprinkle with reserved cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until set and top is crusty, about 45 minutes.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S POUND CAKE

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| 1 pound butter | 3 cups sugar |
| 6 eggs | 3 1/2 cups flour |
| 1 cup buttermilk | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |

Cream butter and sugar by beating until smooth in bowl. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour, 1/3 at a time, alternating with 1/3 of the buttermilk. Add vanilla. Pour batter into greased and floured tube pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour and 25 minutes. Optional: Serve with cranberry sauce and/or whipped cream.

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